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To All Providers:

In keeping with our strategic plans and in anticipation of health reform, the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services is planning an expansion of its managed care coverage in the Roanoke and Alleghany areas effective July 1, 2011. These areas consist of the following cities and counties: Alleghany, Bath, Bedford (City and County), Botetourt, Buena Vista, Craig, Covington, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Highland, Lexington, Martinsville, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Radford, Roanoke (City and County), Rockbridge, Salem, and Wythe.

Several managed care organizations (MCOs) have expressed interest in providing coverage in these areas and we anticipate that they have already or will soon be contacting providers. Contracting with the MCOs will allow you to continue to provide services to your Medicaid and FAMIS managed care patients. DMAS strongly encourages all providers to contract, keeping in mind that the process may take up to 120 days to complete.

The MCOs currently contract with the Commonwealth of Virginia to provide Medicaid and FAMIS services to over 582,000 individuals. As a result, those enrolled in Medicaid managed care have experienced improved access to care, coordination of services, and health outcomes.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact the Department's Managed Care Operations Unit at ManagedCareHelp@dmas.virginia.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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